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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE SUPERVISOR HELPS FUND LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS

SAN BERNARDINO – Programs that provide assistance to homeless women and children, at-risk children, and seniors will receive funding to continue servicing residents throughout the county's 5th District.

San Bernardino County Supervisor Josie Gonzales today allocated over \$200,000 to 14 non-profit organizations and county departments that are meeting the basic needs of seniors, adults, and children. (*A complete list of funded projects and programs is attached.*)

"These programs promote wellness in our community," said Supervisor Gonzales. "They offer our residents resources that help seniors become independent, parents to be more responsible caregivers, and help our children strengthen their academic, social and leadership skills."

This cycle of Community Development Block Grant dollars will be used to fund gang intervention and youth literacy programs, minor home repair and nutrition programs for seniors, support programs for homeless women, mothers-to-be and parents, and free legal assistance for those who cannot afford it.

A shift in target population numbers reduced the amount of dollars available for local programs in the 5th District. Last year Supervisor Gonzales allocated \$224,000 for public service programs. This year she had only \$209,750.

"Working together to seek sustainable funding sources is a must for these worthy programs," said Supervisor Gonzales. "As federal dollars continue to shrink collaboration is vital if we want these services to continue to exist."

The 5th District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy and Arrowhead Farms, the city of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and a segment of the city of Fontana.

5TH DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AWARDS – FY 2007/08

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS

PROJECT/PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS	COUNTY FUNDS ALLOCATED
Time for Change Foundation, which provides transitional housing and social and	ALLOCATED
health service referrals for homeless women and children	\$ 10,000.00
Gang Reduction Intervention Team's continued intervention for high risk youth	\$ 5,000.00
Legal Aid Services for low and moderate income residents	\$ 30,000.00
Oldtimers Foundation & Department of Aging and Adult Services' nutrition program for seniors in the Bloomington area	\$ 40,000.00
Steelworkers Oldtimers Foundation of Fontana provides home repair services for seniors	\$ 30,000.00
The Unforgettables Foundation to continue its childhood CPR and car seat safety program and to expand its emergency assistance to low income families to offset burial cost for their child(ren)	\$ 5,000.00
Bloomington Branch Library to continue its literacy education program for adults	\$ 7,500.00
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to provide continued training for advocates for abused and neglected children	\$ 5,000.00
Bloomington Park and Recreation to continue its youth swim program	\$ 17,750.00
Miracles in Recovery Inc.'s comprehensive substance abuse treatment services for pregnant women	\$ 5,000.00
Young Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy's youth violence prevention and enrichment program	\$ 5,000.00
A Special Place Children's Hands-on Museum's parent support group for handicapped children	\$ 5,000.00
Department of Aging and Adult Services'& Family Services Association's senior nutrition program	\$ 24,500.00
Galaxy School & County Probation Department's educational services for at-risk youth	\$ 20,000.00